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PAST PROGRAMS

The program on wired wireless, presented on April 3rd by Pete Jennings, W9RYF, proved interesting and profitable to the gang as advertised in the foregoing issue. The meeting was well attended, and Pete, who delivered the discourse in his usual friendly style, has probably started something. Anyhow, we figure he can start to figure on a way to square himself with his boss, just in case!!!

On Friday evening, April 10th, the club was introduced to scientific methods of combating crime by Mr. R. F. Borkenstein, Chief Laboratory Technician, Indiana State Police. An extremely able speaker, he was able to vitally interest each and every one present in the intricacies of modern crime detection. A practical demonstration of the use and operation of the lie detector, or poly-graph was the high light of the evening. Mr. Borkenstein's discourse was so well received that it is hoped that we may be able to induce him to address us again at some later date.

Charley Mitten, W9VNV, was such a good subject for the lie detector, that we'll bet he sticks to the straight and narrow from now on. Hi. Hi.

At the meeting of April 17th, Mr. Toner Overly of the Better Business Bureau disclosed how many unscrupulous, and incidentally unlicensed, practitioners were using alleged electronic devices to the detriment of the health of the people of Indiana. Those who attended Mr. Overly's interesting lecture, were astonished to learn to what lengths these individuals would go in order to separate their gullible patients from their money.

On Friday evening, April 24th, the club was addressed by an old friend, Curt Springer, W9EMR, Curt, a dyed in the wool ham from way back, and now chief operator at WMDZ, gave a demonstration and first hand information on the construction of high powered telescopes. The members were given close up squints of the moon, Jupiter, etc. Although the cost of building a good telescope is not great, it should be attempted only if an individual is possessed of lots of spare time and patience to match.

OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICES

We have just received a letter from Robert Caskey, W9DNQ, and ex-editor of Amachewer, disclosing his arrival at Camp Robinson, Ark. We will undoubtedly hear more from Bob later, but in the meantime, if you should care to drop him a line, Address is as follows: Private Robert K. Caskey, 35351923, Co. G, 104th Medical Battalion, 3rd Ptn., U. S. Army, Camp Robinson, Ark. That's quite an address for such a small feller!!!!

We have also just received a letter from James A. Lovell, W9DAG, advising us of his appointment to the Lexington Signal Depot for radio technician training. Incidentally, he connected with a pretty fair salary too as this is under the Civil Service. Says they can use a lot more men and he's lonesome for some of the boys to join him.

A card from Arnold Finchum, W9FVO, now located in Logan Utah, advises that Harry Weston, W9ZHS, of Indianapolis and W9WXG of Anderson, as well as W9BNF of Farmland are also stationed there.

At the meeting of April 10th, we were honored by the attendance of Corporal William Hibbert, W9ENJ, now stationed at the New Orleans Air Base. Bill is a member of the 113th Observation Squadron, and reports that W9EPR, Fred Wilson, and W9UZQ, Bill Long are also stationed there.

We hear by the grapevine that Gordon Trout, W9NNA, is stationed now at Jackson Barracks, in New Orleans. Incidentally, Gordy took unto himself a brand new wife on Wednesday evening, April 8th. Good luck and our congratulations go forward to him.

Via the underground news service we hear that Arthur Brown, W9OEK, long inactive and formerly with the Van Sickle Radio supply house, entrained April 9th for San Diego, Calif., for service with the U. S. Marines.

NEW FM STATION

As many of our readers are already aware, there is to be a new FM broadcasting station located in this city. The call as issued by the FCC is to be W73I, and the station will operate on a frequency of 47,300 kc. Any members of the club who are qualified to operate this class of station or who can and will procure the necessary license, should if they desire work in this line, file application with the Associated Broadcasting, Inc., 622 State Life Building. Note that club members have been given prime consideration in this call for personnel. It is the chance of a lifetime for some of you boys--- better grab it.

BURGLARY SOLVED

With arrest of a group of five young men, the mysterious burglary at the home of Bert Bucy, W9NVD, has been cleared up. One of the individuals was twenty years of age and the remaining four were only fourteen. Bucy's home was ransacked on the evening of December 22, while Bert was attending the Christmas party at the club. According to the newspaper account of the arrest, the youths admitted that the two watches taken from Mr. Bucy's home were used as targets for some shooting with some stolen guns. Guess it doesn't make much difference though, because Bert isn't making many entries in the log these days.

NEW DIRECTOR

Bob Caskey, W9DNQ, now of the U. S. Army, has appointed Howard McDonald, W9MVK, as his permanent proxy to fill out the remaining portion of this term as director of the club. Bob has promised to return to the fold and "kibitz" as often as the fortunes of war will permit.

HAIL, S.C.M.

Some guys are naturally lucky, others have fame and fortune thrust upon them. Others are gluttons for punishment. To our way of thinking, not the least of the latter is our esteemed President, L. T. Waggoner, W9YMV. Last January, we saddled Roy with the responsibility of piloting our club through a year in which amateur activity will be completely at a standstill. Shortly thereafter, he was chosen, by popular acclaim, to head and organize amateur emergency work in the entire state of Indiana. Now, effective April 15th, he assumed the duties of SCM, succeeding Harry Miller, W9AB, of Mishawaka. There is no need in pointing out that Roy has done, and will continue to do, a great deal of work, not only for our club but for the amateur fraternity as a whole. His efforts of the past bear ample testimony that in the year to come our relations with the public can only improve. Roy has also just been appointed to serve on the local Defense Board in the communication section, by Capt. Curry.

VARIED AND SUNDRY INFORMATION

Volunteer theory lectures for the code school during the month of April consisted of the following: April 8th, Paul Nelson, W9BHC; 15th, Robert B. Annis, ex W9CUD; 22nd Nelson Trusler, W9FOS; and 29th W9BHC again. This co-operation is greatly appreciated. Do your bit by helping Charley Campbell, W9UEM, put the code school over. Make yourself available for theory discussions. The school is one of the largest ever conducted and it speaks well of our club.

At the meeting of April 10th, Pres. Waggoner, in behalf of the club members, presented Bob Caskey with a regulation pen and pencil set. Both pen and pencil were embossed with Bob's name in gold, and conveyed in a small way the appreciation of the members for the long and faithful service rendered.

Science Baffled - When George Merritt submitted to examination by the doctor the other evening during Mr. Borkensteins' lecture, he found out, much to his enthusiasm, that he was practically a short circuit to the machine. No explanation was offered, but it is believed that Mr. Merritt's long association with mineral water and other liquids has overcharged his system with iron. Now that George knows that his is immune from scientific investigation, anything is liable to happen.

We think one of the best ways to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon would be to listen in on a three way QSO between W9TG Pickhardt, W9AUN Keaton, and W9UDQ Merritt, with each station equipped with the famous(???) truth filter developed by Doc and Willie some years ago. We feel that George would form an able third to the W9TG-W9AUN combination, whose reputation for consistent veracity has made their channels veritable fountains of truth!!!!

Joe Wiley, W9RSP, formerly of Indianapolis, and lately with the NYA in South Bend, left Monday April 13th for Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio. His job will consist of the inspection of aircraft radio and Joe anticipates considerable globe trotting before all the chips are down. Good luck Joe.

Young Tom Waggoner contends that if there are any stains on his OMs excutcheon, they are undoubtedly his own fault and due entirely to misguided effort and misplaced trust. It is indeed too bad that the story, which is told in more or less beautiful verse cannot be printed in these pages. Our Uncle would undoubtedly purge us!!!!!!

Reprint from the Indianapolis News, April 20th: D. J. Angus, Indianapolis, president of the Esterline-Angus Company, Inc., has been named a member of the combat instruments advisory board, a unit of the federal war production board. The combat instruments board is a part of the WPB's division of industry operations.

Fritz Manning contends that the slight crustation of hirsute adornment peeping from beneath his olfactory organ is a moustache.

We have received a communication from Mr. Wuentin D. Wert, acting personnel officer of the NYA. He is desirous of contacting any licensed amateur who is interested in securing a position as a radio foreman, instructional capacity for the NYA resident center in South Bend, Indiana. Those desiring more information concerning this position, or who desire to place their names in the files pending other opportunities, should call Mr. Wert at MARKOT 5591, or address him c/o National Youth Administration, 415 Century Building, Indianapolis.

The editors of Radio are offering a years subscription to their publication at half price (\$1.50) to men in the U. S. Armed Services.

Renew that subscription to QST. The league is not able to do a great deal for us now, but they are in there pitching for us just the same, and when, at some future date, conditions return to normal, the solid organization of all amateurs behind the League will be our only assurance of returning to our rightful place on the air waves.